



Community Advisory Committee Onboarding Training

May 18, 2026

6:00 pm

In Person:

Board Room

Ava Community Energy

1999 Harrison St, Ste 2300

Oakland, CA 94612

Or from the following remote locations:

4563 Meyer Park Circle, Fremont, CA 94536

4664 Rousillon Ave., Fremont, CA 94555

1234 W Oak St, Stockton, CA 95204

2277 Pyrenees Ave., Stockton, Ca 95210

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C3. Public Comment

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C4. CAC Onboarding Session (CAC Informational Item)

C5. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas

C6. Adjourn

The next Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Board Meeting Access Instructions

If you need help finding or accessing the building, please call our Ava representative who is stationed in the building lobby: 510-393-0492.

Directions

Directions via BART

If you are taking BART: the 19th Street station is the closest stop to our office and is about a 5 minute walk away. Use the 20th St / Thomas L. Berkeley Way station exit.

Directions via Bike

Bike riders wanting to park their bike inside the parking garage can enter through the main building lobby. Bike parking is available on the parking garage first level right in front of the garage elevators.

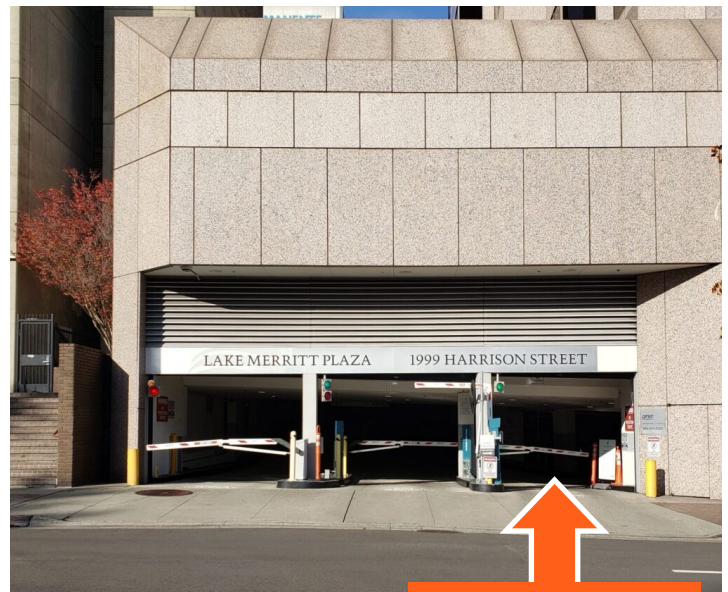
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The entrance to the building's attached garage is located on Harrison Street. If you're driving northbound on Harrison Street, as soon as you cross 19th St. the garage entrance is 3/4 down on your left-hand side. If you're heading east on Thomas L Berkeley Way/20th St. Continue East then make a right turn on Harrison Street, and the garage entrance is a quarter block up on your right-hand side.

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CAC Member Orientation

Ava Community
Energy

May 18, 2026



Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks & Introductions
- II. About Ava Community Energy
- III. Community Advisory Committee
Overview & Meeting Logistics
- IV. Brown Act Basics



About Ava Community Energy



What is Ava Community Energy?



Ava Community Energy (Ava) is a local community choice power supplier that provides Alameda County, unincorporated San Joaquin County, and the cities of Tracy, Stockton, and Lathrop with renewable energy options at lower rates.

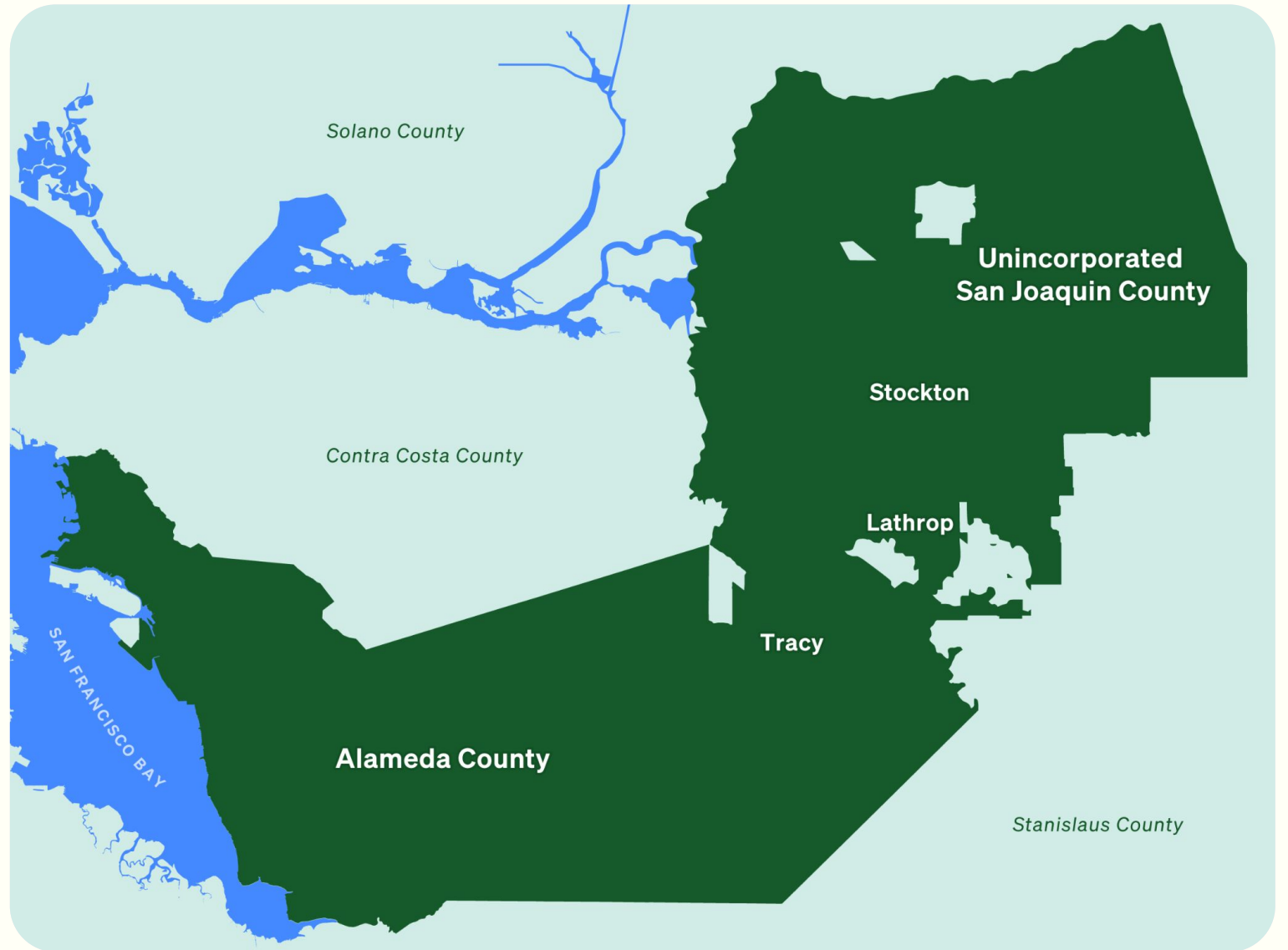
As a not-for-profit public agency, Ava reinvests revenue back into the community through local electrification programs, clean power projects, and support for community organizations.

Our mission is to drive increasing access to clean energy, serving the needs of our customers and the well-being of our community.

Service Territory

We serve Alameda County, unincorporated San Joaquin County, and the cities of Tracy, Stockton, and Lathrop.

Ava is the default provider of electricity generation service for all customers in our service territory. Customers are automatically enrolled in our service and are billed by PG&E.



History in Brief

- 2015 ● Feasibility study commissioned by Alameda County
- 2016 ● East Bay Community Energy formed as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
- 2018 ● Launched service to residential and commercial customers in 11 cities and in unincorporated Alameda County
- 2019 ● Cities of Tracy, Pleasanton, and Newark joined JPA
- 2021 ● Began service to cities of Tracy, Pleasanton, and Newark
- 2022 ● City of Stockton joined JPA
- 2023 ● Lathrop joined JPA;
East Bay Community Energy rebranded to Ava Community Energy
- 2024 ● Unincorporated San Joaquin County joined JPA
- 2025 ● Began service to the cities of Stockton and Lathrop
- 2026 ● Beginning service to unincorporated San Joaquin County

What is a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA)?

Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)

- Privately run
- For profit (i.e., shareholders)
- Rates require CPUC approval
- Example: **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)** provides gas & electricity to Northern/Central CA



Publicly Owned Utilities (POUs)

- Government-run
- Not-for-profit
- Rates require Board approval
- Example: **Alameda Municipal Power** provides electricity to the City of Alameda



Local Public Agencies:

- Government-run
- Not-for-profit
- Rates require Board approval
- Examples:
 - AC Transit** provides public transit in Alameda County
 - East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)** provides water for parts of the county



All one thing in common: no choice. CCAs are not-for-profit public agencies that offer communities another energy option and more local control



CCAs are proven across California

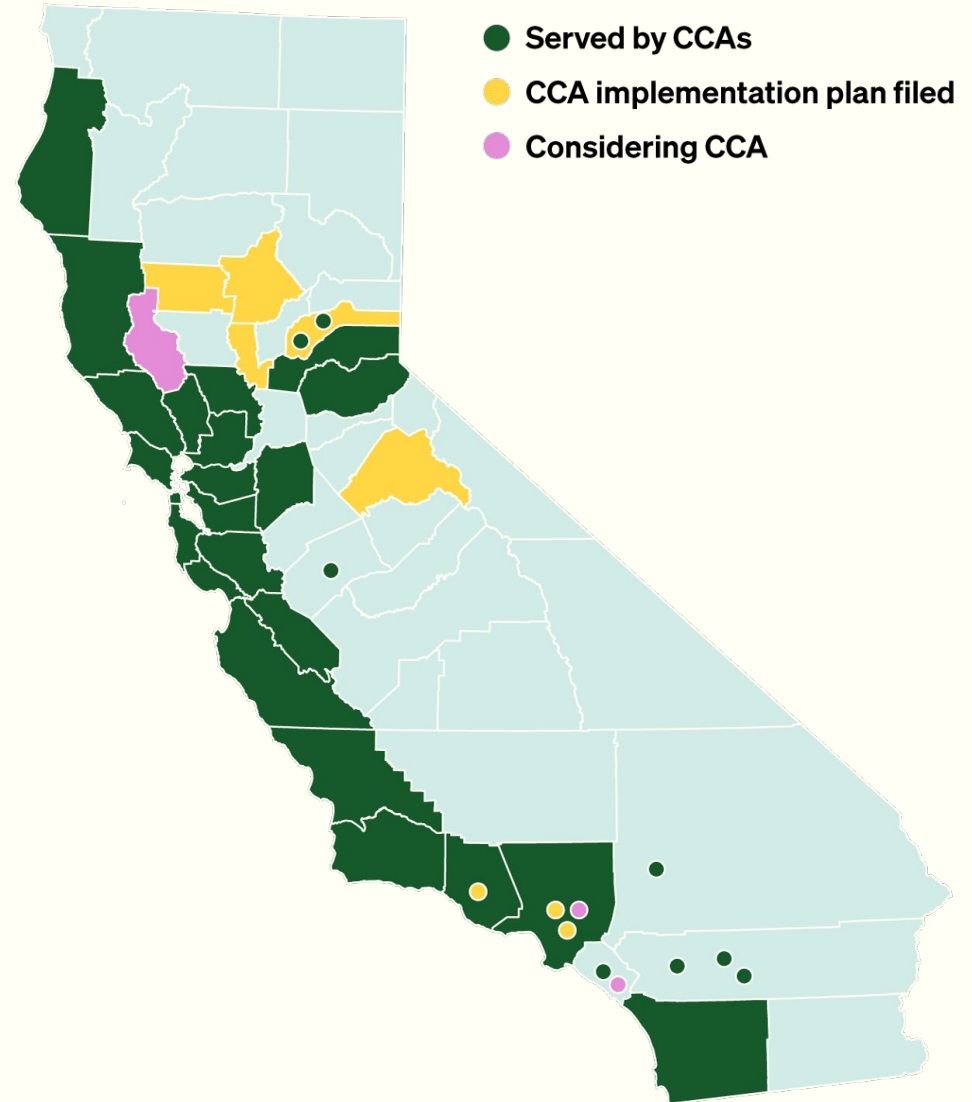
Ava Community Energy is one of 25 Community Choice Agencies in California offering an alternative to the applicable Investor-Owned Utilities (PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E).

21,000+ megawatts

of new clean generation capacity contracted through long-term Power Purchase Agreements by CCAs across California

58%

The percentage of load served by CCAs in PG&E's service area in 2024



How It Works

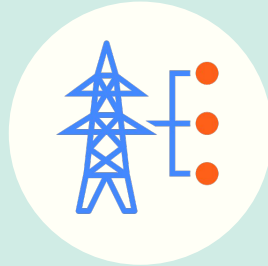
There are **two components to electricity service** that customers pay for:



Generation:

How electricity is produced

provided by **Ava**



Delivery:

How electricity gets to you

provided by **PG&E**

Ava only provides electricity generation. PG&E owns the transmission infrastructure and meters in our service area, so they handle delivery and billing. Before Ava, PG&E was the only option for electricity generation.

By the Numbers:

As of March 2026:



761,096
accounts served

Population:
2+ million



96%
overall participation rate



\$183.6 million
customer bill savings since 2018



18
member communities

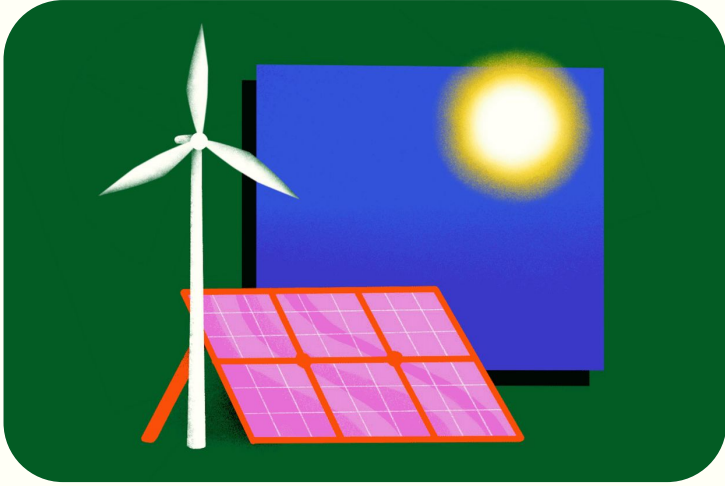


2,452 MW
long-term renewable energy contracts



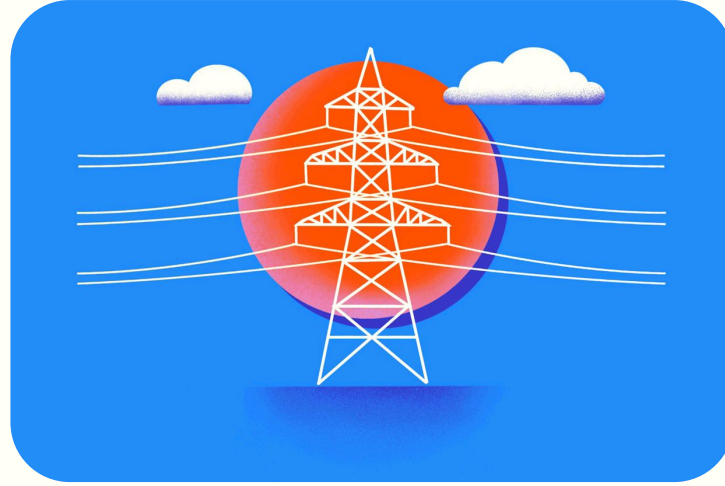
\$107.6 million
reinvested in our service area since 2018

How It Works



1. Ava buys and generates clean power

Ava buys from, and is building, clean power plants. Ava sells the power to customers at low rates.



2. PG&E delivers the power to homes and businesses

Ava's power is delivered to customers by PG&E. Customers pay PG&E for delivery as they always have.



3. Customers get the power and local benefits

Customers benefit from clean energy, low rates, local governance, and innovative programs.

How It Works: Customer Billing

PG&E bill
before
joining Ava.

PG&E STATEMENT
a.com/MyEnergy

Account No:
Statement Date:
Due Date:

Your Account Summary

Amount Due on Previous Statement	\$283.36
Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement	-283.36
Previous Unpaid Balance	\$0.00
Current Electric Charges	\$127.12
Current Gas Charges	83.99
Total Amount Due by 12/27/2023	\$211.11

Generation and delivery charges combined on a single page called "Electric Charges"

PG&E bill
after
joining Ava.

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a.com/MyEnergy

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Previous Unpaid Balance	\$0.00
Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges	\$76.63
Ava Community Energy Electric Generation Charges	48.08
Current Gas Charges	83.99
Total Amount Due by 12/27/2023	\$208.70

Generation and delivery split into separate charges

- **PG&E manages billing.** Customers get a single bill each month from PG&E that includes both Ava charges for generation and PG&E charges for delivery.
- **It's not an additional charge.** Ava charges replace what PG&E used to charge for generation.
- **Customers receive a monthly credit.** PG&E issues a Generation Credit to Ava customers each month. That credit is the amount PG&E would have charged for generation services, and it offsets Ava charges.

AvaEnergy.org/understand-your-bill

What are the benefits?



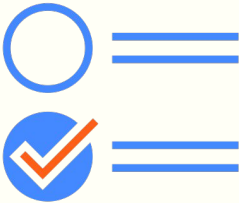
Lower rates



Local control and investment



Sustainability



Customer choice and programs

Service Plan Options

Based on 2024 Power Mix



Bright Choice

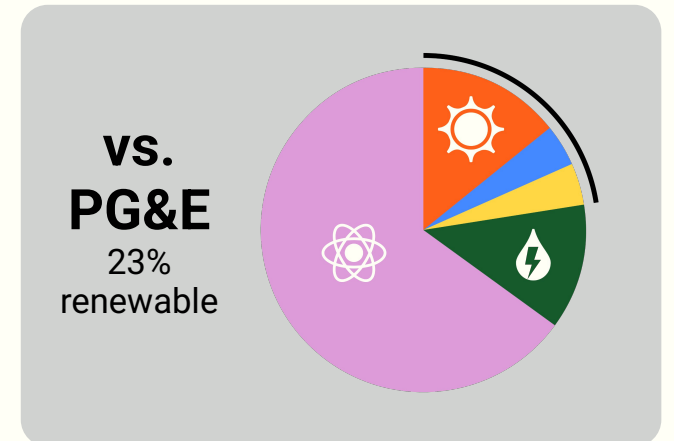
61.8% renewable energy at rates below PG&E



Renewable 100

100% renewable energy from sources like wind and solar priced slightly above PG&E rates

- **Renewable:**
 - Wind
 - Solar
 - Biomass & Biowaste, Eligible Hydroelectric, Geothermal
- Other:**
 - Hydro
 - Nuclear
 - Other or Unspecified



Default Service by Jurisdiction and Sector

Each member jurisdiction sets the default service for customers.

Many cities have chosen to opt up their municipal accounts to Renewable 100 and set the default service to Renewable 100.

** The default for Fremont's commercial accounts will transition to Renewable 100 in August 2026*

Jurisdiction	Residential	Commercial	Municipal
Alameda County	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
Albany	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
Berkeley	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
Dublin	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
Emeryville	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
Fremont	Renewable 100	Bright Choice*	Renewable 100
Hayward	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
Lathrop	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
Livermore	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Renewable 100
Newark	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
Oakland	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
Piedmont	Renewable 100	Bright Choice	Renewable 100
Pleasanton	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
San Joaquin County	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
San Leandro	Renewable 100	Renewable 100	Renewable 100
Stockton	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
Tracy	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice
Union City	Bright Choice	Bright Choice	Bright Choice

Clean Power Projects

Ava Community Energy is looking to add more California wind, solar, and storage to the grid.

These Power Purchasing Agreements (PPAs) are enabling new construction of clean energy solutions.

27 projects contracted

1,495 MW
of wind, solar, and geothermal energy

957 MW
of battery storage



Path to Zero Carbon Emissions

- Ava’s Board of Directors has adopted the goal of providing **100% carbon-free power on an annual basis to all customers by 2030**—fifteen years ahead of California’s statewide mandate.
- Board approved increases to our targets have helped accelerate our progress to our target. Below is the progress we’ve made to date

Year	Ava Bright Choice Renewable %	Ava Bright Choice Carbon Free %	Ava Bright Choice PSDR* Emission Factor	CA-RPS% Renewable %
2020	40%	54%	591	33%
2021	42%	58%	564	36%
2022	49%	71%	496	39%
2023	55%	89%	370	41%
2024	62%	96%	221	44%
2025**	54%	97%	209	47%

For more info about Ava’s recent power content: [Ava’s 2024 Power Content Label \(PCL\)](#)

*The Power Source Disclosure Report (PSDR) is filed annually on June 1 for the previous calendar year.

**2025 actuals will be released in June 2026.

Community Investment

As of December 2025:

\$180+ million

saved since 2018 by our customers compared to what they would have paid PG&E.

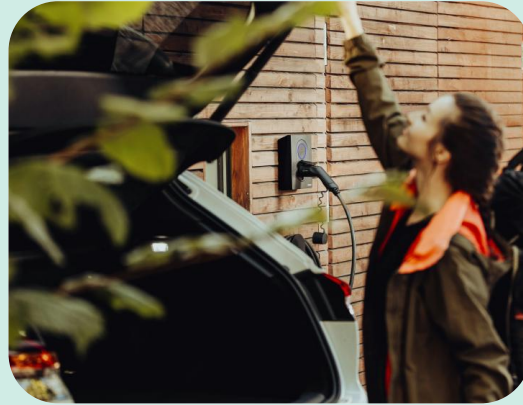
\$115 million

Reinvested in our community since 2018 through local programs, grants, sponsorships, workforce development, and more.



Local Programs

Ava invests annually in programs to reduce energy bills and help our customers transition to clean energy.



Savings and Incentives Programs

We help our customers save on electric appliances (like water heaters and induction ranges), solar and battery systems, clean transportation, and more.



Resilience Programs

We're building infrastructure and investing in outage-resilient systems through solar and storage initiatives and partnership with community-based organizations.



Commercial & Municipal Programs

We work with cities and businesses in their transition to clean energy by offering building efficiency, fleet electrification, and infrastructure solutions.

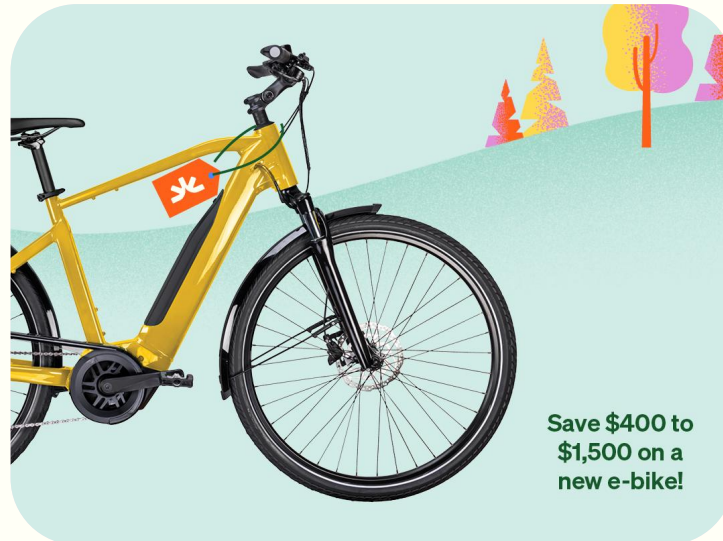
Local Development: Current and Ongoing



Ava SmartHome Charging

Launched 2025

Customers get bill savings and rewards in return for shifting their EV home charging to off-peak hours



Ava Bike Electric

Launched 2025

Provides a total of \$10M in instant rebates on qualifying e-bikes through participating local bike shops



Ava SmartHome Battery

Launched 2026

Provides a total of \$11.25M in incentives for behind-the-meter storage for residential homes

Past initiatives are outlined in our Impact Report and include our Induction Cooktop Lending Program, Building Efficiency Accelerator, Resilient Homes program, COVID relief grants, technical assistance for municipalities, and more.

Local Development: Current and Ongoing



Critical Municipal Facilities

In Construction

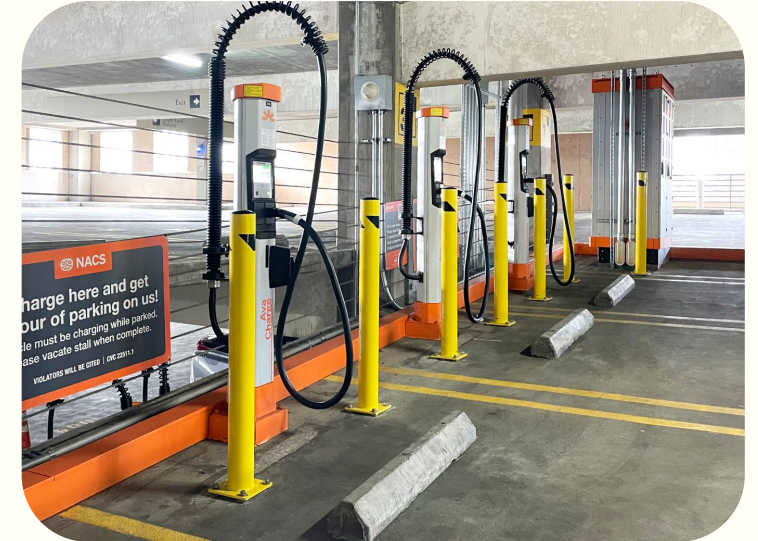
8 solar and storage projects (owned and operated by Ava) in 4 cities to provide resilience to city facilities and residents



Community Resilience Hubs

Launched 2026

Provides \$5.75M in technical assistance and storage incentives for community-serving resilience hubs



Ava Charge

Launched March 2025

Fast and reliable public EV charging stations in partnership with our Cities and located near MFH residences and amenities

Past initiatives are outlined in our Impact Report and include our Induction Cooktop Lending Program, Building Efficiency Accelerator, Resilient Homes program, COVID relief grants, technical assistance for municipalities, and more.

Local Development: Current and Ongoing



Community Investment Grants

Launched 2024

Provides large multi-year grants to local community-based organizations across four strategic focus areas



Building Efficiency Accelerator

Launched 2023

A \$5.6M energy efficiency program funded by the CPUC for large commercial and industrial customers



Health-e Communities

Closed September 2025

Installed induction ranges at no-cost in income-qualified homes and measured the impact on indoor air quality

Past initiatives are outlined in our Impact Report and include our Induction Cooktop Lending Program, Building Efficiency Accelerator, Resilient Homes program, COVID relief grants, technical assistance for municipalities, and more.

Community Advisory Committee Overview



Board of Directors & Governance

- Ava is governed by a Board of Directors made up of elected officials from each member jurisdiction
- The Board sets rates, approves the annual budget, and determines the mix of power sources
- The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month
- The Board also has three subcommittees that meet regularly:
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance, Administration, & Procurement
 - Marketing, Regulatory, & Legislative

Alameda County	Supervisor Elisa Márquez
Albany	Councilmember Robin Lopez
Berkeley	Vice Mayor Igor Tregub
Dublin	Councilmember John Morada
Emeryville	Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur
Fremont	Councilmember Teresa Keng
Hayward	Councilmember Julie Roche
Lathrop	Councilmember Minnie Diallo
Livermore	Councilmember Ben Barrientos
Newark	Councilmember Julie Del Catancio
Oakland	Councilmember Rowena Brown
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Anderson
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Joaquin County	Supervisor Robert Rickman
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González III
Stockton	Mayor Christina Fugazi
Tracy	Councilmember Dotty Nygard
Union City	Councilmember Scott Sakakihara

Introduction to Ava's CAC

- The CAC was established in Section 4.9 of Ava's Joint Powers Agreement
- The CAC was established to **advise the Board of Directors** on subjects related to the operation of the CCA Program as set forth in a work plan adopted by the Board of Directors
- The Committee acts in a solely advisory capacity and Members are appointed by the Board
- The CAC Chair sits on the Board in a non-voting capacity

Examples of CAC discussion items:

- Clean energy targets
- Local development initiatives
- Legislative/Regulatory priorities
- Annual Ava budgeting process & value proposition (rates)
- Marketing, communications, and public engagement

“ The Board shall establish a Community Advisory Committee consisting of members and alternates appointed by the Board of Directors, none of whom may be voting members of the Board...The function of the Community Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Board of Directors on all subjects related to the operation of the CCA Program as set forth in a work plan adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time, with the exception of personnel and litigation decisions. The Community Advisory Committee is advisory only, and shall not have decision making authority, or receive any delegation of authority from the Board of Directors ”

[Ava Community Energy Joint Powers Agreement, Section 4.9](#)



Public Meeting Calendar

[Find the full 2026 meeting schedule here](#)

Body	Date	Time	Location
Executive Committee	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	3:00pm	Altamont Conference Room Ava Community Energy 1999 Harrison St, Suite 2300 Oakland, CA 94612
Community Advisory Committee	Monday, May 18, 2026	6:00pm	Board Room Ava Community Energy 1999 Harrison St, Suite 2300 Oakland, CA 94612
Board of Directors	Wednesday, May 20, 2026	6:00pm	Board Room Ava Community Energy 1999 Harrison St, Suite 2300 Oakland, CA 94612
Financial, Administrative & Procurement Subcommittee	Wednesday, May 27, 2026	3:30pm	Altamont Conference Room Ava Community Energy 1999 Harrison St, Suite 2300 Oakland, CA 94612
Marketing, Regulatory & Legislative Subcommittee	N/A	N/A	N/A

CAC Meeting Logistics

Meeting agendas are posted 72 hours before regular meetings. You can access meeting materials, agendas, and recordings here: <https://avaenergy.org/about-ava/meetings-events/public-meetings/>

- **Time:** 6pm, Monday before the Board of Directors meeting (typically the 3rd Monday of every month)
- **Location:** Board Room, Ava Community Energy: [1999 Harrison St, Suite 2300 Oakland, CA 94612](#)
 - Food will be provided for all Members who participate in-person
 - The office has a parking garage and Ava will provide free parking to all Members
 - Members taking public transit can submit those costs for reimbursement
 - [Directions for accessing the meeting location](#)
- **Hybrid Option:** Notify the Clerk of your virtual location
- **Stipend:** \$130/meeting (max of 4 meetings per month)
- **Required Documents:**
 - Oath of Office, W9, and Direct Deposit application

How to Participate

Each month, Ava's Clerk of the Board will reach out requesting RSVPs for the meeting.

You will NOT be able to participate remotely as a Member if your location is not publicly noticed.

If unable to participate:

1. Notify the Clerk by responding to RSVP message
2. If you have an Alternate for your region, reach out to that Alternate as soon as possible

If participating in-person:

1. RSVP to the Clerk by responding to RSVP message
2. When applicable, submit your food order when the Clerk shares the link
3. Review the agenda and materials before the meeting
4. Show up on time to the meeting location
5. Submit your public transit receipts to the Clerk or collect parking validation

If participating virtually:

1. RSVP to the Clerk by responding to RSVP message
2. Reserve space and send the address to the Clerk so that it can be noticed in the agenda
3. The Clerk will then need to coordinate agenda posting at the location (the remote location should be accessible to the public)
4. Review the agenda and materials before the meeting

Alternates

- **Role:** step in as an acting Member when a Member is not able to attend
- If you are a Member unable to attend a CAC meeting, **please coordinate with your regional Alternate and notify the Board Clerk ASAP**
 - You will receive an email connecting you directly with your regional Alternate and it is your responsibility to coordinate with them directly when you expect to be absent
 - For Members, an Alternate's ability to participate in your place depends on your communication.
- Alternates are not required to attend CAC meetings for which the voting members from your region are present
- Alternates are welcome to attend CAC meetings as members of the public, they are not included in quorum nor provided with a stipend
- If a Member steps down during their term, an Alternate will be able step in to complete the remainder of the term as a regular Member

Sample Meeting Agenda



Community Advisory Committee Meeting

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6:00 pm

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1234 W Oak St, Stockton CA, 95204
1743 140th Avenue, San Leandro CA 94578

Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84794506189>

Or join by phone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 929
205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or 877 853 5257 (Toll Free)
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C3. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2026

C4. CAC Chair Report

C5. 2026 California Legislative Program Administrative Update (BOD Action Item)

Administrative updates on legislative program for 2026

C6. 2026 California Legislative Positions (BOD Action Item)

Consideration of 2026 proposed legislative positions

C7. Health-e Communities Pilot Update (BOD Informational Item)

Update on the results of the Health-e Communities Pilot

C8. Ad Hoc Committee Update (CAC Informational Item)

C9. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas

C10. Adjourn

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CAC Key Documents

CAC Guide

- Board-approved document that establishes the CAC's structure and appointment process
- Updated as needed (e.g., when Ava's service area expands to include new cities/counties)
- Last updated: December 2025
- [Access here](#)

CAC Workplan

- Board-approved document that facilitates CAC's advisory process and subject matter priorities, without dictation or limiting scope
- Establishes ad-hoc research/meeting process
- Updated by Board action "...from time to time."
- [Access here](#)

Transparency & Conflicts of Interest

CAC Members are asked to perform their duties in an impartial manner and free from bias caused by their financial interests and/or the interests of organizations with whom they are actively affiliated.

Ava requests that CAC members are transparent with the Committee regarding potential conflicts of interest and avoid the appearance of impropriety. Disclosure of conflicts for members is vital, and the responsibility of the individual members of the CAC. **Stating a potential conflict of interest at a meeting would satisfy this requirement.**

Example:

Member A is a business owner that sells balcony solar. If Ava has a Request for Proposal process regarding balcony solar, regardless of if Member A responds to that RFP or not, *they should tell the Committee about their business prior to making any comments during a CAC meeting.*

Fellow CAC members should then take this knowledge into account when accepting member comment and may encourage Member A to abstain from voting on the item

Affiliation with Ava as a CAC Member

Ava's Public Meetings (e.g., Ava Board; Executive Committee; etc)

- CAC Members are welcome to attend other Ava public meetings
- If speaking during public comment, CAC members should disclose they are on the CAC but speaking as a member of the public (i.e., not on behalf of the CAC, nor Ava)
- The same would apply to City Council and/or County Board of Supervisors meetings

Events, Conference, Non-Public/Community Meetings

- CAC Members are encouraged to provide updates about Ava to their communities and spread awareness of Ava's offerings
- Members may indicate they are on the CAC; but should avoid the perception they speak for the CAC, Ava as an agency, or that the CAC has official decision-making authority

If unclear, please contact Ava staff to discuss.

CAC Roster

Current Term for
all CAC Members:
May 1, 2026 - April 30,
2028

Member	Region	Current Term #
Katharine Bierce	North	1
Emma Riley	North	1
Indira Balkissoon, Vice-Chair	North	2
Andrew Krulewitz, Alternate	North	1
Thomas Edmunds	East	1
Vijay Lakshman	South	3
Shiva Swaminathan	South	3
Rachel DiFranco	Central	1
Lorraine "Mickey" Souza, Chair	Central	3
Christopher Epperson, Alternate	Central	1
Gorgina Halaufia	San Joaquin County	1
Davis Harper Zapata	San Joaquin County	2
Karl Knodt	San Joaquin County	1
Tanisha Raj	At Large (San Joaquin County)	1
Brodie Roberts	At Large (East)	1



Brown Act Basics



“ All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

- Government Code 54953(a)



The Brown Act Applies to “Legislative Bodies”

What is a “legislative body?”

- Governing body of the agency
- Subordinate boards and commissions created by formal action of the governing body
- Standing committees with regular meeting schedule and continuing subject matter jurisdiction

What is NOT a "legislative body?"

- Ad hoc committees, composed solely of the members of the legislative body that are less than a quorum of the legislative body
- Advisory committee appointed by single decision maker

Meetings

Elements

- Congregation of a majority
- Same time and location (including teleconference location)
- To hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item subject matter jurisdiction



Serial Meetings Are Illegal

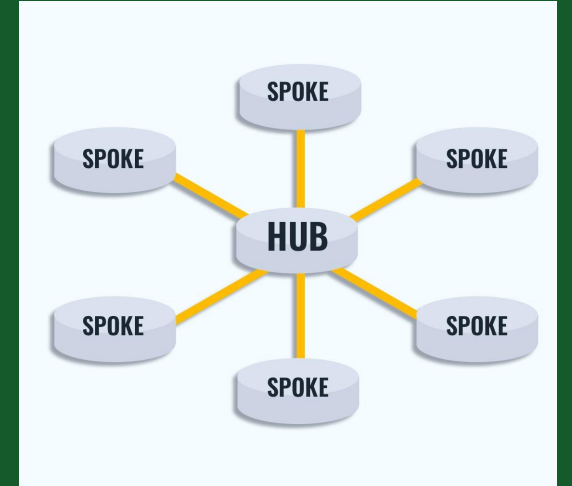
What is an illegal serial meeting?

- Direct or indirect communication
- Employed by a majority
- To discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business or potential business

Two Types of Serial Meetings



Daisy Chain



Hub and Spoke

Meeting Types

Regular Meetings

- Agenda must be posted 72 hours in advance
- Brief description of items of business
- Posted agenda must be freely accessible to public
- The agenda must list all board member remote locations.
- The agenda must be posted at all remote locations

Special Meetings

- Called by presiding officer or majority of board for unanticipated reasons
- Notice must be posted 24 hours in advance
- Notice must be received by each member and press unless waived
- Consider only items on the agenda

Meeting Exceptions

Attendance by a quorum of members of a legislative body is permitted in the following circumstances, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss Ava business amongst themselves (other than as part of the scheduled meeting, occasion or program):

1. Individual or small group contacts with less than a quorum of the body
2. Standing Committees
3. Meetings of a different body of the local agency
4. Meetings of a legislative body of another agency
5. Community Meetings
6. Conferences
7. Social or Ceremonial Events

In all cases, it is still important that Ava CAC Members do not get together in a majority to discuss Ava business.

Agendas & Notices

1. Post at least 72 hours in advance for a regular meeting
2. Brief description of items (<20 words)
3. Agendas & packets must be “freely accessible” to public
 - a. Agency website
 - b. Public kiosk
 - c. Remote locations

Government Code § 54954.1



Noticing From a Remote Location

- Meetings can be conducted by teleconference (audio or video connection)
- Quorum must participate from locations within the jurisdiction
- Agenda must identify each teleconference location
- Agenda posted at each teleconference location
- Accessible to the public (i.e., no cars)
- Public must be provided opportunity to speak
- All votes taken by roll call

Government Code § 54953



Public Participation

Member of the Public:

1. Not required to “register”
2. Rules of decorum permitted
3. Time limits okay
4. Recording permitted

Public Comments

- Public agencies may not prohibit public criticism of the agency or the legislative body
- Civil Code section 47 makes statements at a public meeting generally privileged

Enforcement & Consequences

Three types of enforcement actions:

1. Civil action to invalidate a decision or action
2. Civil action for a determination of a past violation
3. Criminal prosecution

Thank You!



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